



Investment Seminar

Remarks by Gov. Jan Brewer

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Good morning.

I'm pleased to be here in Munich - leading a delegation focused on business and tourism.

Allow me to introduce my Chief of Staff, Eileen Klein, and my Director of the Arizona Office of Tourism, Sherry Henry.

We're incredibly grateful for your time and interest in Arizona.

I'm deeply committed to advancing Arizona's economy and recovery. And, we're making great progress. I call it the Arizona Comeback.

The Global economic crisis has hit every nation, every region.

In order to ensure Arizona's comeback was strong, I led an effort to enhance Arizona's competitiveness.

We began re-thinking areas of our tax structure that unduly burdened employers, particularly those requiring large capital investments such as manufacturing.

**We enacted better ways to treat property taxes
- in business property taxes and in capital
gains taxes.**

**My strategy also engaged the top, brightest
and best business talent in Arizona. The result
is the creation of the Arizona Commerce
Authority. Arizona's leading economic
development organization.**

**In the past two years, I have signed into law an
historic series of broad tax cuts and targeted
business incentives.**

**Just this Spring, I signed into law measures
that encourage investment in small
businesses, aid start-up companies and**

provide serious new incentives to companies that bring corporate headquarters to Arizona.

This is an aggressive new approach of how we are helping businesses grow, re-locate and - most importantly - create high-value jobs.

My Competitiveness package completes this aggressive new approach - offering new resources to encourage the growth of innovative companies and quality jobs.

My efforts have led to a steady decline in Arizona's unemployment. And forecasts point to employment gains in all sectors over the next two years - adding nearly 103-thousand jobs.

This month, Chief Executive Magazine recognized Arizona's business climate in its top ten. We're again a leader in job growth.

Recently, the Kauffman Foundation named Arizona as the "number one" place in the United States for entrepreneurs to start and operate a business.

We're ranked Number One for our quality and availability of workforce.

Arizona is consistently in the Top Three among alternative energy leaders and Number One in solar energy manufacturing.

I encourage you to come discover Arizona.

From its red rock mountains, sparkling lakes and serene deserts -- the Grand Canyon State is a place of traditions, legacies and timeless finds.

Arizona offers great destinations, and a strategic location with a highly skilled workforce, low payroll taxes, and the right climate that make good business sense.

Thank you.